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Nkechi has worked in energy and utilities for most of her 12-year career, where much of the focus of her consulting, regulatory affairs and stakeholder relations roles have been in the areas of Demand Side Management (DSM) and smart energy technology. Before joining ecobee, Nkechi worked as an independent consultant in a full-time engagement with the City of Toronto's Energy Efficiency Office (EEO) and later served other energy and environment clients. Prior to those consulting roles, Nkechi was a Program Manager on Constellation Energy's former Load Response team where she managed the company's involvement in Ontario's main Commercial and Industrial (C&I) demand response program, and also focused on regulatory affairs, during its merger with Exelon Corporation. Earlier in her career, Nkechi managed regulatory affairs for Canadian markets at Just Energy, a Canadian-headquartered natural gas and electricity retailer with US, Canadian and international operations. Prior to Just Energy, Nkechi worked at Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) as a communications advisor where she led industry stakeholder relations for Ontario's highly visible Smart Metering Initiative (SMI) and its associated 70+ utility Meter Data Management (MDM) integration project, and also conducted smart grid policy analysis.

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